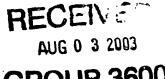
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed January 27, 2004, finally rejecting all pending Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-15, 17-19, 21-23, 26-31, 33-35, 37-39, and 42-50. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b), a check in the amount of \$330.00 is attached herewith to cover the filing fee for this Notice of Appeal. Applicant also submits a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of a threemonth extension of time.

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